GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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STATE FARMS CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to review the functioning of the State Farms Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of land under the State Farms Corporation as on date;

(c) the total investment made by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to hand over the lands of the State Farms Corporation to various agricultural Universities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture has appointed SBI Capital Markets Ltd., asConsultant to study options for reorganizing and revitalizing of National Seeds Corporation (NSC) and State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI).

The Consultant has been asked to study both NSC & SFCI in terms of operational and financial parameters and to suggest options for restructuring/merger in respect of both the Corporations. The details of land available with SFCI is as follow:

(Area in Hectares)

Central State Farm (C.S.F.)	
Suratgarh	6296
C.S.F., Sardargarh	4548
C.S.F., Jetsar	5394
C.S.F., Hisar	2710
C.S.F., Bahraich	3828
C.S.F., Raebareli	191
C.S.F., Raichur	2960
C.S.F., Chengam	3904
C.S.F., Aralam	3060
C.S.F., Kokilabari	1986
C.S.F., Barpeta	100
Total	34977

(c): The investment of Government of India in SFCI as on 31.3.2000 is as under:

(Rs. In crores)

i) Share capital	24.19
ii) Loan	7.82
iii) Interest on loan	6.83
iv) Capital Reserve (Grant given)	32.83

During the year 2000-01, an additional amount of Rs.58.96 lakhs received as Grant inAid and Rs.15.00 crores as loan has been released by Government of India through Ministry ofRural Development and Ministry of Agriculture respectively. The value of land purchased by the Government of India for SFCI is not included in the figures given above.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.